



Implementing Montana Common Core Standards in K-12 Classrooms Providing Quality Instruction to Improve Student Achievement \$4 Million Budget Request

Montana's adoption of the Common Core Standards (MCCS) in English and math is opportunity to ensure academic success for all Montana students and make them competitive for jobs in the global economy.

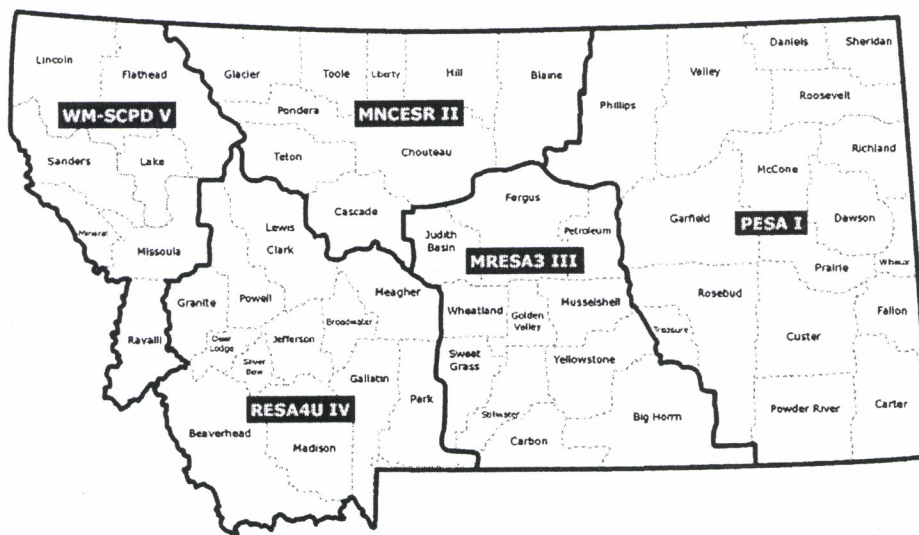
Classroom instruction is by far the most important in-school factor in determining student success. To ensure successful implementation of the MCCS, professional development for teachers is paramount. The success of our students in meeting the new, higher standards in English and math is directly tied to our ability to get teachers the training they need to bring the standards to life in the classroom.

Proposal Description

OPI is seeking a one-time-only \$4 million investment in a two-year plan that will ensure a successful transition to the Montana Common Core Standards (MCCS) and Assessments in all Montana schools.

The OPI proposes to provide funding to the five already-existing Regional Education Service Areas (RESAs) to build their capacity to deliver equitable and consistent training for Montana teachers, beginning in July 2013 and continuing through the biennium. The RESAs have been in existence since 1999.

These dollars will support a regionalized professional development delivery system that replaces one-time workshops and intermittent professional development with sustained local opportunities to build educators' knowledge of the new English and math standards and improve instruction. This one-time-only investment will provide for the equitable and effective implementation of the Montana Common Core Standards and Assessments across the state.



Regional Service Areas (RESAs)

Prairie Educational Service Area (PESA): Phillips, Valley, Daniels, Sheridan, Roosevelt, Garfield, McCone, Richland, Dawson, Prairie, Wibaux, Fallon, Custer, Rosebud, Treasure, Powder River and Carter

Montana North Central Educational Service Region (MNCESR): Blaine, Cascade, Chouteau, Glacier, Hill, Liberty, Pondera, Teton and Toole

Montana Regional Service Area 3 (MREA3): Big Horn, Carbon, Fergus, Golden Valley, Judith Basin, Musselshell, Petroleum, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Wheatland and Yellowstone

Montana Region IV Educational Service Agency (MRESA4U): Beaverhead, Broadwater, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Granite, Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Madison, Meagher, Park, Powell and Silver Bow

Western Montana Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (WMCSP): Lincoln, Flathead, Sanders, Lake, Mineral, Missoula and Ravalli

Advantages of a Regionalized Approach:

- Reduce costs
- Increase efficiency
- Provide services that would not otherwise be available
- Equitable opportunity for high quality professional development for all Montana educators
- Improved statewide and regional communication and coordination of training
- Improved academic achievement for all students

Funding Proposal – State Level

Budget Categories	Project Year 1 (2013-14)	Project Year 2 (2014-15)	Total
1. Regional Personnel Support <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Instructional coordination and model curricula• MCCS trainers (ELA and Literacy, Mathematics, Science)• Teacher Mentors/Coaches	\$1,850,000	\$1,850,000	\$3,700,000
2. Travel/Equipment/Supplies/Other	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$300,000
Total Budget	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$4,000,000

Funding Proposal – Local Distribution

OPI Proposes the funding for each RESA be calculated based on Per Capital Enrollment and Per Square Miles. This formula is currently used to distribute public library services funding in Montana.